(b) As per a policy decision taken by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on 28.5.1999, it would not be advisable to appoint an officer at the same level in the same Department where he might have worked during an earlier tenure at the Centre.

(c) and (d) Appointments to the posts of Under Secretary and above in the Government of India are made under the provisions of the Central Staffing Scheme by borrowing officers from All India Services and other participating Group "A" services on tenure deputation basis and on the expiry of the tenure, they return to their respective parent Cadres/services. This two-way movement is of mutual benefit to the respective parent cadres as well as the Govt. of India as the officer who serves in the Central Government is expected to get a variety of experience in policy formulation etc., which will stand him in goodstead in his subsequent postings. If an officer who had earlier worked in a Central Government Department is again appointed at the same level in the same Department, he will not gain any experience in other areas of Governmental functioning at the Centre which is neither in the interest of the officer nor in the interest of the Department concerned.

(e) As on date, there is no proposal for reviewing the extant guidelines in the matter.

Amendment to the Constitution for Reservation in Promotion for SC/ ST Employees

2391. SHRI V. P. DURAISAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to amend the Constitution to provide reservation in promotion for the employees of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes working in the Central Government Offices and Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) if so, when it would be done to protect the rights of the SC/ST employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSON-

NEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE: (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) In pursuance of Article 16(4A) of the Constitution, the Government issued orders in August, 1997 which provide for continuance of reservation in promotion, as was then prevalent, for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the services/posts under the Central Government beyond 15.11.1997 till such time as the representation of each of these two categories in each cadre reaches the prescribed percentages of reservation whereafter the reservation in promotion has to maintain the representation to the extent of the prescribed percentages for the respective categories. All Ministries/Departments were also requested to bring these instructions to the notice of the Public Sector Undertakings and statutory bodies, etc.

Publication of Classified Documents

2392. DR. RAJA RAMANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government records of classified documents are required to be published/or made available to the public after the lapse of 25 years; and

(b) if so, the details of procedure being followed permitting people to have access to such documents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS. (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per Public Records Act, 1993 of the Government of India, all unclassified public Records, which are more than 30 years old, are transferred to the National Archives of India and are made available to bonafide research scholars. Access to the public records in the